GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG DEALERS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make newly started LPG distributors / dealers in Tamil Nadu to reach viability in market and to curb monopoly in LPG Sales ;

(b) whether the Government have taken any action on certain established dealers of LPG in Tamil Nadu about their non-compliance of Government orders to transfer LPG connections to newly started LPG agencies ; (

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the total number of LPG connections with established LPG dealers in Tamil Nadu (having more than 20,000 LPG connections) and their refill cylinder sales during the last three years, month-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Government have advised Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for closure of extension counters operated by old distributors and transfer of customers to the newly commissioned distributors. In saturated markets, the customers are required to be transferred on the basis of viability limit of various markets.

(b) & (c) : OMCs have reported that there is no such instance where the Government directions have not been complied.

(d) : At present, 54 LPG distributors of OMCs in Tamil Nadu are havingmore than 20,000 customers. The refill sales of these distributors have been in the range of 40% - 70% of their total customers strength during the last three years.